

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

2º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

El se volvió hacia ellos, y viendo que lo seguían, les preguntó: "¿Qué buscan?" Ellos le contestaron: "¿Dónde vives, Rabí?" (Rabí significa "maestro"). El les dijo: "Vengan a ver". - Jn 1, 38-39

Parish Insight



Dear St. Mary Family:

We are at an exciting juncture in the history of St. Mary Student Parish. It is with great optimism and a shared sense of purpose that we announce the initiation of a strategic planning process. This plan, which we intend to help guide us in our collective decision-making from 2024 to 2030, is designed to help us identify key opportunities to build up

the body of Christ and witness to God's mercy and love. Most importantly, after a semester of planning and consultation with our leadership team, I believe strongly that this process must be consultative, engaging the diverse members of our community, and faithful to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In this, my first year as pastor, I have made it a priority to better understand what St. Mary means to all of you. I have been moved by the stories that you have shared with me about how you have found God's presence here in the community, in the Eucharist, and in important sacramental moments in your life. Thank you for your willingness to share your faith experiences with me. I am excited to announce the planning has begun for our Centennial Celebration, which I hope will give us time to hear each other's faith stories and better understand our shared history.

To help support our major strategic efforts and to harness the energy associated with our Centennial Celebration, I believe the time is right to explore the possibility of launching a capital campaign. It is crucial that our strategic priorities be aligned with our allocation of resources, ensuring that this momentous occasion becomes a catalyst for lasting growth and development.

I am committed to ensuring that all of these initiatives: the strategic plan, Centennial planning, and a potential capital campaign are shaped by the voices and experiences of our parishioners. Your input is not only valuable; it is essential! This process is an opportunity to deepen our community bonds by sharing what you cherish about St. Mary and envisioning our future together. As we embrace a consultative and Spirit-led process, I invite you to provide input in two ways:

- 1. Write a letter addressing one or both of the following questions:
- a. As you look back to your experience of St. Mary, what do you most love and treasure? All thoughts/memories/experiences are welcome. 500 words/1 page single space maximum.
- b. As you look ahead to the next 5-7 years at St. Mary, what opportunities for growth do you imagine? Share any words/ideas/dreams that you feel are Spirit-led that you want the strategic plan steering committee to consider.

Those interested in submitting their input may fill out a <u>Google form</u> (t.ly/EGTSA) or send a one page letter to <u>stmarys@umich.edu</u> answering the two above questions by 5pm on Thursday, January 25th.

2. Attend an informational kickoff meeting on Jan. 31st from 6:30pm-8pm in Donnelly Hall to learn more about these initiatives, to share your perspectives, to listen to the voice of the Spirit through others, and prayerfully consider how you might feel called to get involved.

As we begin this new year, I am filled with hope and excitement at the journey we undertake together, guided by the Holy Spirit and united in our love for St. Mary. I invite you to come pray, reflect, and dream with us as we engage in this strategic planning process!

In Christ,

Fr. Kyle Shinseki, S.J.

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Pastor



SIGN UP TODAY TO JOIN TRIDUUM CHOIR!

Are you interested in singing or playing an instrument for the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Easter Vigil services?

All parishioners are invited to join Triduum Choir, a large ensemble supporting music across the three days. Rehearsals begin in late January and run weekly through late March.

Experience is welcome but not necessary! Scan the QR code to sign up before January 22nd or contact Mike, Devon, and Gabe (triduumchoir@umich.edu) for more information.



FAITH DOING JUSTICE



DAYTIME WARMING CENTER

St. Mary Student parish is hosting the Daytime Warming Center through February 2 from 8:30am to 4pm. There are still a variety of volunteer slots available, ranging from serving as a host to providing lunch or snacks. Please see the sign up here t.ly/RzM67 for more information and to volunteer.

Contact jnovotny@smspnewman.org



Thank you to all who participated in the Feast Day of Service celebration on December 9 th . We had more than 160 people turn out to serve at various sites around the area, and in Flint.

We also had a very successful Advent Giving Tree project, with gifts filling the office and various rooms of the parish. Thank you to all who purchased, or delivered gifts to those in need.



ENGAGED?

We happily assist registered parishioners with their marriage preparation. The <u>annual Pre-Marriage Seminar will be February 9-10</u>. Registration is required.

Contact Julie Mussio: jmussio@smspnewman.org for all details.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"One cannot know the Lord without this habit of adoring, of adoring in silence. I believe, if I am not mistaken, this prayer of adoration is the prayer least known by us, it is the one we do the least", as if it were a "waste of time before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ".

Instead, we should rediscover "the silence of Adoration: he is the Lord and I adore him."-Pope Francis

We have Eucharistic Adoration on Monday (10-11 am), Tuesday (4-5 pm), Wednesday 5:45-9 pm (Rosary for Life from 6:00-6:20 pm, Praise & Worship from 8:00-9:00 pm), and Thursday (3:45-4:45 pm) Here is the link for our Wednesday night adoration signup: t.ly/bCXbA

Thank you for supporting this ministry!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As we celebrate the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. this weekend, please save the date for our Black History Month celebration at St. Mary on Sunday, **February 11th** at 5:00 pm.

We will have a special Mass with guest presider Fr. Oscar Momanyi, SJ, a Jesuit from Kenya. Then, after Mass we will have a potluck reception and the opportunity to discuss the impact of slavery in the U.S. Catholic Church.

In anticipation of this discussion, the following event this Thursday at the University of Michigan could provide some important context to our conversation:

Slavery and the U.S. Catholic Church:

Confronting History and the Case for Reparations

January 18, 2024 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm | Rackham Amphitheatre (435 S State St)

Please see this link for more information:

<u>oami.umich.edu/mlk-symposium-event/slavery-and-the-us-s-catholic-church-confronting-history-and-the-case-for-reparations/</u>



INFANT BAPTISM CLASS AT SMSP

A baptism preparation class is required prior to the baptism. If you have already taken the class at another parish, proof is requested in order to schedule a baptism.

Upcoming classes are on Monday 6:30-7:30 PM on the following dates: **2/5**, **3/4**, **4/8**.

Please pick up a baptism class packet from the Parish Office at least one week prior to the class. You will need to bring this to class.

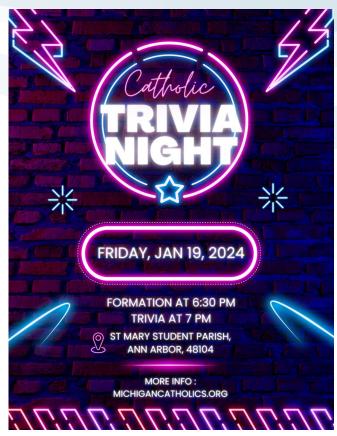
Please contact Dorota dbest@smspnewman.org or 734-663-0557 ext. 226 to register for a class.

We also offer the class in Spanish at the same time in a different room. Contact Rosa Luz for more information on Spanish Baptisms rpostigo@smspnewman.org



Grad/YP & Undergrads







GRAD/YP SPIRITIUAL DIRECTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 @ 6:30 PM

All Grad Students and Young Professionals are welcome to join us for our November Spiritual Directions event: on Monday January 22 at 6:30PM.

For more information, please contact the Grad/YP Lead Team (smsp.grads.lead@umich.edu)

KATERI INSTITUTE - VOTIVE MASS FOR ST. THOMAS AQUINAS & RECEPTION

SATURDAY JANUARY 27 | 11:00 AM

The Kateri Institute for Catholic Studies will be sponsoring a Votive Mass for St. Thomas Aquinas at St. Mary Student Parish followed by a reception with free pizza. This event will be an opportunity for Catholic faculty and staff to connect with Catholic undergraduate and graduate students at Michigan.

Contact kshinseki@smspnewman.org

Pastoral Letter on Christian Stewardship

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

(1 Peter 4:10)

Today is the Epiphany of the Lord. Led by faith and reason, the magi have travelled from the east in order to seek the newborn king of the Jews. Now we begin to glimpse the salvation that has been prepared for all the peoples of the earth. Jesus Christ will not only be the glory of the Jewish people but also "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32). This is the essence of today's epiphany.

Sacred Scripture doesn't actually contain the name nor the number of magi. It is tradition that suggests to us that they were a triumvirate of kingly travelers known as Balthazar, Caspar, and Melchior.

What scripture does tell us is that the magi were "overjoyed at seeing the star" which led them to the child with Mary whereupon "[t]hey prostrated themselves and did him homage" before they "opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11-12).

What do these facts reveal to us? I think it is this: That there is an innate human need to offer praise, worship and sacrifice upon encountering Almighty God. This has been true of all cultures and in all generations. This is true of you and me. The founder of the Society of Jesus, Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491 –1556), identifies this shared human reality in the first foundational principle of his Spiritual Exercises, stating:

"The human person is created to praise, reverence and serve God, and by so doing to save his or her soul." (#23 of The Spiritual Exercises)

This is why we were loved into existence by God. He is our beginning and, by virtue of our cooperation with the grace of God, our ultimate end. Why then were other things created? Saint Ignatius answers that question in the second foundational principle of his Spiritual Exercises, stating:

"The other things on the face of the earth are created for human beings in order to help them pursue the end for which they are created. It follows from this that one must use other created things in so far as they help towards one's end, and free oneself from them in so far as they are obstacles to one's end." (#23 of The Spiritual Exercises)

This rightly ordered use of created things is foundational to what we call stewardship. Christian stewardship is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and, thus, being grateful and generous in response to that divine beneficence. It is the wise and generous marshalling of our time, our talent and our treasure so as to love God more deeply, serve others more unstintingly and, in doing so, accrue an ever more abundant life unto ourselves (John 10:10).

God first. Others second. Ourselves last. Thereby lies our path to happiness in this life and salvation in the next. As Our Lord himself advises: "[S]eek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33).

The new year is often a time for taking stock of our lives. It therefore seems appropriate to conduct a threefold examination of conscience as to how we are living Christian stewardship with particular regards to the use of our time, our talent and our treasure for the glory of God and salvation of souls.

First, time: Do I give my first and last thought of each day to Jesus Christ, my alpha and omega? Do I prioritize time each day for meditative prayer spent in the presence of Our Lord? Do I ensure there is time in my week for Sunday Mass or, even, daily Mass as well as regular confession? Do I recognize that prayer is more important than activity and that if I am too busy to pray I am too busy?

Second, talent: Am I desirous to know God's plan for my life and to follow it wherever it leads? Am I aware that God has bestowed certain talents and charisms upon me which I am to deploy generously in order to save my own soul and serve those other members of the Body of Christ who are depending on me for their salvation? (1 Corinthians 12). In making career choices, am I primarily motivated by the will of God or by the love of money or desire for worldly prestige? Do I work with an order and diligence that recognizes all honest human tasks can be sanctified or do I do my work badly, waste time or cause others to waste time?

Third, treasure: Do I recognize the truth that everything I have is a gift from God and that giving back to God will help orient my entire life to Him and his plan? Do I give the first fruits of the wealth I've been entrusted with to the service of the Church and those in need? Do I place my trust in God by giving sacrificially in imitation of the widow and her two coins (Luke 21:1-4) or do I only give from my surplus, trying to meet my own needs first rather than prioritizing God in all I do?

In the weeks and months to come I will focus some of my teaching on Christian stewardship, and how living the call to stewardship is fundamental to growing as a missionary disciple, helping us all foster greater Christian stewardship in our daily lives. One point worth noting now, however, is this: Stewardship is primarily about our need to give rather than giving to a need.

I have based much of this catechesis on stewardship upon the thought of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Hence, it seems appropriate to conclude this pastoral letter with his Suscipe prayer. Suscipe is the Latin word for "receive". Let us pray: Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O Lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me. Amen.

Assuring you of my prayers, I am sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Earl Boyea

Bishop of Lansing

Mass Intentions, Meetings & Events

MEETINGS & EVENTS: JANUARY 14 – JANUARY 21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

12:45 PM	ESL- English as a Second Language — Loyola Room
1:00 PM	Spanish Reconciliation — Spiritual Direction Room
3:00 PM	ESL Lessons — Rectory Dining Room, Rectory Lounge
4:00 PM	Reconciliation — Spiritual Direction Room

6:00 PM Grad/YP event— Donnelly Hall

7:00 PM Reconciliation — Spiritual Direction Room

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 AM DAYTIME WARMING CENTER— Newman Hall

10:00 AM Adoration — Church

5:45 PM Rosary for Peace (Post-Mass)—Church 6:00 PM Catechist Planning Session— Donnelly Hall

7:00 PM Born for Joy — Whitman Room

7:00 PM Middle Eastern Students' Bible Study — Richard Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

8:30 AM DAYTIME WARMING CENTER— Newman Hall

4:00 PM Adoration — Church

5:45 PM Upperclassman Women's Bible Study Group — Loyola Room

7:00 PM Women's Connect — Rectory Dining Room, Rectory Lounge

7:00 PM Men's Connect — Donnelly Hall

7:00 PM LGBT Outreach Ministry — Loyola Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

8:30 AM DAYTIME WARMING CENTER— Newman Hall 5:45 PM Reconciliation — Donnelly Hall, Monteith Room

5:45 PM Adoration — Church

6:00 PM Pro Life Rosary — Church

7:00 PM Hispanic Small Group — Rectory Lounge

7:00 PM Parish Council — Loyola Room

7:00 PM RCIA — Donnelly Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

8:30 AM DAYTIME WARMING CENTER- Newman Hall

3:45 PM Adoration — Church

5:45 PM Ig.nite — Donnelly Hall

7:30 PM SCC -Grad/YP— Rectory Dining Room, Rectory Lounge

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30 AM DAYTIME WARMING CENTER— Newman Hall

8:00 AM Santo Rosario — Zoom

2:30 PM Upperclassman Women's Bible Study Group — Loyola Room

6:30 PM Friday Formation Night — Donnelly Hall

7:00 PM Catholic Trivia Night — Donnelly Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

10:00 AM RCIA retreat — Donnelly Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:15 AM Family Faith Formation – Newman Hall+ 8:15 AM Family Faith Formation – Newman Hall+

12:45 PM ESL- English as a Second Language — Loyola Room

1:00 PM Spanish Reconciliation

3:00 PM Teen Confirmation — Donnelly Hall

3:00 PM H/L Sacramental Prep — Loyola Room+

4:00 PM Reconciliation — Spiritual Direction Room

6:00 PM Santo Nino (Filipino) Reception — Donnelly Hall

7:00 PM Reconciliation — Spiritual Direction Room

MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY 13– JANUARY 21

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

5:00 PM Mass for + Bruno Olszewski

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:30 AM Mass for + Margaret Cavanaugh Mass for + Dr. James Hart 10:00 AM 12:00 PM Mass for + Manuel Go People of the Parish 2:00 PM Mass for 5:00 PM Mass for + Ronald Gobeyn 8:00 PM Mass for

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

5:10 PM Mass for + Robert Kipila

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

5:10 PM Mass for + Daniel Buckingham

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

5:10 PM Mass for + Edward Vuylsteke

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

5:10 PM Mass for + James Geerling

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

12:10 PM Mass for

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

5:00 PM Mass for Bishop Thomas Gumbleton on His

94th Birthday

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30 AM Mass for

 10:00 AM
 Mass for
 + Mary Alp

 12:00 PM
 Mass for
 + Belen Tiu

 2:00 PM
 Mass for
 People of the Parish

5:00 PM Mass for 8:00 PM Mass for



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If you have misplaced items while at church, we may have them waiting for you in the parish office! Please stop by the office to check the Lost & Found box.

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Wednesday 5:45 PM - 6:30 PM or by appointment

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 10:00-11:00 AM

Tuesday 4:00-5:00 PM

Wednesday 5:45 PM - 9:00 PM

Thursday 3:45-4:45 PM

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Sunday Readings

JANUARY 14-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I 1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19

Psalm Ps 40: 2, 4, 7-10

Reading II 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel Jn 1:35-42

Through baptism we have been joined to the Lord who calls us to be his disciples. How well do we listen to his voice? How willing are we to do his will?

JANUARY 21-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

 Reading I
 Jon
 3: 1-5, 10

 Psalm
 Ps
 25: 4-9

 Reading II
 1 Cor
 7: 29-31

 Gospel
 Mk
 1:14-20

The Ninevites heard the preaching of Jonah and repented of their evil ways, thus experiencing the Lord's compassion. Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus? Do we invest our lives in the world rather than in God's kingdom?

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